



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL
DESIGNATE AS A CITY LANDMARK
NELSON MEDICAL BUILDING
30 WEST ARRELLAGA STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
APN 027-181-013**

RESOLUTION 2019-82

JUNE 26, 2019

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara grants the Historic Landmarks Commission the authority to initiate a designation process to recommend to the City Council the designation as a City Landmark of any structure, natural feature, site, or area having historic, architectural, archaeological, cultural, or aesthetic significance;

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2019, the Historic Landmarks Commission adopted Resolution of Intention 2019-5 to hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to City Council for designation of the Nelson Medical Building located at 30 West Arrellaga Street as a City Landmark;

WHEREAS, the Staff Report found the property meets four City Landmark criteria listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code and concluded that the Nelson Medical Building, designed by noted architect Luth Maria Riggs, F.A.I.A., in 1950 in the Mid-Century Modern style is significant for its historical and architectural influence on the heritage of the City;

WHEREAS, the building has retained a high level of historical integrity as its location, design, materials, setting, feeling, association, and workmanship have been retained so that it conveys its original 1950 appearance;

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary of the City Landmark designation includes the entire parcel to allow for adequate review of any changes for compatibility;

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article 19, Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and the City List of Activities Determined to Qualify for a Categorical Exemption (City Council Resolution Dated November 10, 1998), staff has determined that designation of the Nelson Medical Building as a City Landmark is eligible for a Categorical Exemption;

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara states that the City Council may designate as a Landmark any structure, natural feature, site, or area having historic, architectural, archaeological, cultural, or aesthetic significance by adopting a resolution of

designation within 90 days following receipt of a recommendation from the Historic Landmarks Commission; and

WHEREAS, in summary, the Historic Landmarks Commission finds that the Nelson Medical Building at 30 West Arrellaga Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 027-181-013, meets the following City Landmark four criteria listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code:

- A. Its character, interest or value as a significant part of the heritage of the City, the State or the Nation;
- D. Its exemplification of a particular architectural style or way of life important to the City, the State, or the Nation;
- F. Its identification as the creation, design or work of a person or persons whose effort has significantly influenced the heritage of the City, the State or the Nation; and
- I. Its unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on June 26, 2019, the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Santa Barbara hereby recommends to the City Council that it designate the Nelson Medical Building designed by Lulah Maria Riggs, F.A.I.A located at 30 West Arrellaga Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 027-181-013 as a City Landmark and make findings based on the historic and cultural significance of facts presented in the Staff Report.

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Adopted: